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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PINS, PINT, SHUM, SF
SUBJECT: DETENTION OF DON MATTERA

REF: JOHANNESBURG 0391 (NOTAL)

1. DON MATTERA, SUB-EDITOR OF THE STAR, CALLED EMBASSY ON FEBRUARY 16 TO INFORM US THAT HE HAD BEEN DETAINED ON FEBRUARY 12, SUBSEQUENTLY CHARGED, AND RELEASED ON BAIL ON FEBRUARY 14. MATTERA SAID THE CHARGES RELATE TO SEVEN INCIDENTS OF BREAKING HIS BANNING ORDERS. HE SAID HE WOULD COME TO TRIAL ON APRIL 6 OR 7 AND THE STATE ALREADY HAD THIRTEEN WITNESSES LINED UP TO TESTIFY AGAINST HIM. MATTERA SAID HE WOULD BE REPRESENTED BY SHUN CHETTY'S FIRM.

2. MATTERA SAID THAT WHILE IN DETENTION, THE SECURITY POLICE PHOTOSTATED SEVERAL OF HIS DOCUMENTS,
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INCLUDING HIS IV GRANT INVITATION LETTER AND HIS TRAVEL DOCUMENTS. HE FEARED THAT NOW HE MIGHT NOT BE GIVEN PERMISSION TO TRAVEL AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT, IF THIS HAPPENED, HE WOULD STILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR A GRANT AT A LATER DATE. MATTERA HAD ACCEPTED HIS IV GRANT FOR THIS YEAR BUT NO TRAVEL DATE HAD BEEN SET. IF MATTERA IS IMPRISONED

FOR HAVING BROKEN HIS ORDERS, THIS WILL OBVIATE THE
GRANT. IF, HOWEVER, HE IS ABLE TO WIN HIS CASE, WE
WILL PROCEED WITH THE GRANT ON THE HOPE THAT THE SAG
WILL ALLOW HIM TO TRAVEL.
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